

We must remember that Haitians fought with us in the American Revolution. They sent troops to be at our side. Then, in 1825, 20 years after they received their own independence, the United States agreed with France that they, as a new independent nation, should be forced to pay back the slave owners of France, who, they believed, needed reparations for lost income from slave labor. Until almost 1940—something, the people of Haiti have been paying that money back. In today's dollars, that would be over \$20 billion that this small island nation has paid to the people of France for their freedom.

Imagine if we had been forced to pay England for our own independence.

America has significant trade agreements and economic support with our neighbors to the north and the south, Canada and Mexico. However, when it comes to our third border, the Caribbean, that becomes an absolute afterthought, if they are thought of at all.

America wants these nations to be stable and support them at multinational forums but lacks the forethought to engage them as partners in the first instance. We intervene in political instability without meaningful engagement in civil society.

Hurricane relief and support for resilience, vaccination support, support for trade and educational alternative energy partnerships, infrastructure investments, those are the things that Americans should be engaged in at the first instance so we do not have what we have at the border happening now.

China, of course, is all through the Caribbean, giving lasting and meaningful investments there and demanding support from the Caribbean nations at the U.N., the Organization of American States, et cetera.

It is well-researched fact that rural infrastructure investments can lead to higher productivity, employment, and economic opportunities. Solid infrastructure powers business, encourages trade, provides much-needed protection for countries from the unpredictability of a natural environment, all things that Haiti is missing to date.

Substantively, the U.S. has neglected to develop meaningful, substantive trade relationships in Haiti and the larger Caribbean that could help them and help us. We need to do better.

WORSENING BORDER CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, the collapse of our southern border now poses a mortal danger to our country. No civilization has ever survived the magnitude of mass migration that this administration is not only accommodating but is encouraging.

When Donald Trump left office, we had operational control of our borders. The border wall was nearing comple-

tion. Court-ordered deportations were finally being enforced. The Migrant Protection Protocols negotiated with Mexico reduced the number of fraudulent asylum claims to a trickle.

All that Biden needed to do was to continue these policies. Instead, he reversed them on his first day in office. He ordered the border wall to be abandoned, leaving construction gaps that make it useless. He ordered ICE to cease enforcing the law. He reversed the remain in Mexico policy. And he sent a clear and unmistakable message heard around the world: America is now a nation without borders. And nations without borders aren't around very long.

The numbers are staggering. In July, Customs and Border Patrol encountered 212,000 foreign nationals illegally entering our country. That is the entire population of Birmingham, Alabama, in a month. In August, another 209,000, which is Des Moines, Iowa.

There have been, already, 1½ million such encounters this year, and the Gallup organization warns us there are 42 million people living in poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean who intend to come here if they can. And they are.

Almost overnight last week, 15,000 Haitian nationals illegally crossed the border and set up camp in Del Rio, Texas. It is reported that DHS is tracking an additional 40,000 to 60,000 Haitian migrants between Colombia and the U.S. border. Contrary to claims by the administration, only a fraction of them have been returned to Haiti. It appears the vast majority are being rapidly and furtively processed into our communities.

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There is no denying the fact that this is a deliberate policy by this administration to fundamentally change the economy, politics, culture, customs, and institutions of the American Republic.

Democrats on the Judiciary Committee just voted to grant amnesty, permanent legal residence, and a fast track to citizenship for between 8 and 10 million foreign nationals who have already illegally entered our country, defied our laws, thumbed their noses at our sovereignty, and are demanding to stay and are expecting American taxpayers to continue to support them.

Eight to 10 million, we need to understand what that means. Eight million is the entire population—every man, woman, and child—living in the States of Alaska, Maine, Delaware, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Montana, and Vermont combined.

This is at a time when real family earnings are declining, crime is increasing, homelessness is rampant, and mounting debt is killing the American Dream of a better future for our children.

Is it any wonder our borders are overwhelmed? Ask the migrants why they

are coming. Every one of them will tell you it is because of Joe Biden's promise of admission, amnesty, and citizenship.

That is why we are seeing this tragic and shocking trafficking of young children, and it is going to continue until we secure our border and start enforcing our immigration laws, which are already among the most liberal in the world.

We are told we need to legalize those who illegally took Americans' jobs as essential workers during the pandemic. The fact is, 45 percent of the entire workforce is considered essential by the government. That is hardly an exclusive group. What the Democrats are really saying is that if you are part of the 55 percent of Americans they don't consider essential and you lost your job during their leftist lockdowns, you will be pushed aside for those who violated our laws, broke the rules, and now compete in the job market that you are trying to get back into, while using your money to do it.

Please, someone, explain to me: How are American workers helped by flooding the labor market with another wave of illegal immigration? How are our children, who have been robbed of an entire year of their educations, helped by filling their classrooms with non-English-speaking classmates? How are our communities made safer by making it harder to deport criminal illegal aliens and gang members? How are our hospitals made more accessible by overwhelming emergency rooms with illegal immigrants demanding care?

Mr. Speaker, people are asking me every day: How could this have happened to our country? And the answer is simple. If you voted for the Democrats, this is what you voted for. And if you are surprised, you weren't paying attention.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EMILY DEROCRO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Emily Stover DeRocco, a generous spirit and dedicated public servant who inspired others to discover their purpose and to follow their dreams.

Known for getting things done, Emily headed to Washington after graduating from Penn State University, determined to find a role working in the Federal Government, hoping to make a difference in the lives of everyday Americans.

As the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training in the George W. Bush administration, Emily was instrumental in redesigning our country's workforce development programs, particularly in strategically realigning education and economic development initiatives with the needs of

the business community, workforce development coming together with our manufacturing sector and, in particular, for emerging technologies.

After leaving the Bush administration, Emily became a leader in the manufacturing sector when she joined the Manufacturing Institute as their president. Under her innovative leadership, the institute researched and confirmed the changing workforce needs and, in response, implemented national strategy on education and workforce reform.

Emily founded E3, an aptly named consulting firm—educate, engage, employ—focused on helping others by linking education, workforce, and economic development, yet again harnessing her creativity and her special, keen ability to connect people and bring them together.

In addition to her incredible career, Emily was a loving mother and wife. She met the love of her life while working full-time at the Department of the Interior and taking classes at Georgetown Law School, tenaciously walking across the stage while 8 months pregnant with her incredible daughter, Lauren.

Emily spent her life coaching and mentoring others and impacted my life and work tremendously. She was, in fact, on everyone's speed dial.

Her work led her to Detroit, Michigan, where she collaborated and led the workforce development efforts for the Lightweight Innovations for Tomorrow Institute, a public-private partnership intent on harnessing new technologies for our automotive sector and other industries of scale. She was the workforce leader.

I had the privilege of speaking on numerous panels with her all over the country, with our friends at the NATC, ASME, in the defense sector, at NIMS, at NAM, and of course, yet again, the Manufacturing Institute.

The need for workforce talent is the conversation of today. I met Emily in the middle of the Great Recession, when unemployment was through the roof, yet there were open jobs in our manufacturing firms all across the country. It is not a simple formula.

What Emily sought to change and address in this country by training not only the next generation of workers but an existing workforce in the 21st century begat many new challenges: the advent of the digital age and the combination of computer technologies with our old-school manufacturing devices and pieces of equipment. She led the way.

While she left us suddenly, she also left a legacy of work. We thank her so much for her service and her inspiration and the mark that she made on this country.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES MARINE CORPORAL KELSEE LAINHART

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Marine Corporal Kelsee Lainhart on her road to recovery from being wounded in Afghanistan.

Simply put, Corporal Lainhart is a hero. A native of Dearborn County, Indiana, Kelsee was assigned to secure the airport in Kabul.

Sadly, tragedy struck when she and her brothers and sisters in uniform were targeted by an ISIS-K suicide bomber.

We will never forget Corporal Lainhart's acts of bravery that day in Afghanistan or her courageous fellow servicemembers we lost.

REMEMBERING KAYE WHITEHEAD

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor a pillar of Indiana's Sixth Congressional District, a leader in our community, and a true friend of the Pence family.

Kaye Whitehead, who sadly passed away on September 9, 2021, served as president of the Delaware County Farm Bureau for two decades.

Kaye also served as chair of the Delaware County Republican Party and in various advisory capacities to Dan Quayle, Richard Lugar, David McIntosh, Mike Pence, and myself.

I am grateful to Kaye for her counsel, guidance, and friendship over the years. She will be dearly missed.

My thoughts are with her husband, Bill; her children, Eugene and Lucy; her siblings, Marie, Anne, and Chris; as well as her three grandchildren.

INFLATION IS TAXATION

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in objection to the Democrats' monster tax-and-spending spree that will be a detriment to Hoosiers back at home in Indiana.

I have heard from hundreds and hundreds of constituents, literally, who have worried that this next set of spending bills will hurt their families more than they will help.

From paying more for groceries and gas to being unable to find workers to keep the doors of their small businesses open, wasteful government spending is moving our country toward stagflation.

Plain and simple, inflation is taxation on my constituents, on all Americans, and I urge my colleagues to reject this round of reckless Federal spending.

REJECTING SOCIALIST DRUG PRICING SCHEME

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in rejecting H.R. 3 by a bipartisan vote.

Had it passed out of committee, this legislation would have resulted in fewer cures and treatments in America, eliminating hope for millions of people battling all diseases.

It is estimated that under this socialist drug pricing scheme, there could be as many as 100 fewer cures over the next decade.

That is why I urge my colleagues to reject any alternative version of this legislation that may come to the floor in the future.

CRISIS UNFOLDING AT SOUTHERN BORDER

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the crisis unfolding at the southern border.

This is not hyperbole. Look no further than the southern border completely overrun in chaos today. Over 1.2 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the border since February 1 of this year.

Our communities are less safe because this administration stopped building the wall, brought back catch and release, and got rid of the remain in Mexico policy.

This border crisis will result in perpetuating our COVID crisis because this President turns a blind eye to the vaccine and testing status of illegal immigrants.

Denying the crisis proves President Biden does not care or is being misled by his advisers.

MOUNTING NATIONAL SECURITY CRISIS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the mounting national crisis we are seeing unfold under this President's leadership.

This week, the President desperately attempted to portray an image of strength at the United Nations, but nothing could be further from the truth.

We have seen the failure of the Afghanistan withdrawal that led to losing our men and women in uniform and has the potential to create yet another refugee crisis.

We have seen the failure to hold China accountable for its lack of transparency and mishandling of the COVID pandemic.

We have seen the failure to hold Russia accountable for its cyberattacks.

President Biden appears weak and failing, and the cost is our leadership and national security across the world.

SUPPORTING HEALTH EQUITY PROVISIONS IN BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Build Back Better Act, which includes significant investments in the fight for health equity.

As chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, I know all too well that, for centuries, Black Americans and people of color have been systematically denied affordable healthcare access and left behind when it comes to our healthcare policies. No more.

Healthcare access is an essential right, and we must do more to ensure